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American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP)
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Re: *Maintaining Access to Immunizations Without Patient Cost-Sharing*

Dear Ms. Schulte Wall:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the pharmacy community regarding continued access to no-cost immunizations. Kaiser Permanente shares your commitment to ensuring that individuals across the country can continue to access life-saving vaccines without cost barriers, and we have recently announced that we will continue to provide no-cost coverage for flu, COVID-19 and RSV vaccines for our members. This decision reflects our enduring commitment to preventive care and our mission to improve the health of our members and the communities we serve.

Kaiser Permanente, including our nearly 16,000 pharmacy professionals, has a long-standing history of leadership in providing vaccines and conducting vaccine research. Like your organizations, we believe strongly that immunizations are among the most effective public health tools available—critical not only to prevent illness but also to mitigate its severity and reduce the burden on the broader health care system.

Our organization is consistently recognized as a national leader in immunization rates for children, adolescents and adults.¹ We have also been at the forefront of critical vaccine research. During the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, Kaiser Permanente was the site of multiple vaccine clinical trials, and our KP Washington Health Research Institute gave the first-ever injection of one of the initial COVID-19 vaccines in March 2020. Furthermore, the Kaiser Permanente Vaccine Study Center—working alongside our Division of Research—continues to lead innovative studies to advance vaccine safety and efficacy by conducting research to advance scientific understanding of vaccines at all levels of development.

Additionally, as part of our broader commitment to advancing affordable access to preventive care, including immunizations, Kaiser Permanente is an active participant in the Common Health Coalition, a multi-stakeholder initiative focused on pursuing a reimagined health system where the nation's health care and public health systems no longer work in parallel, but hand in hand. Together, the Common Health Coalition alongside our trade associations, AHIP and the Alliance of Community Health Plans (ACHP), have publicly affirmed a commitment to ensuring access to vaccines for patients ahead of respiratory virus season. We encourage your organizations to consider joining the efforts of the Common Health Coalition as a way to align our collective

¹ Based on Kaiser Permanente's 2024 HEDIS® scores and benchmarks provided by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Quality Compass®.

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advocacy, share best practices and present a coordinated voice in support of accessible, affordable immunizations for all patients.

We value our ongoing collaboration with the pharmacy community and recognize the vital role your members play in ensuring widespread vaccine access and education. Thank you for your advocacy and continued partnership in protecting the health of our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory A. Adams".

Gregory A. Adams
Chair and Chief Executive Officer
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